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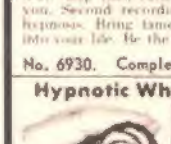

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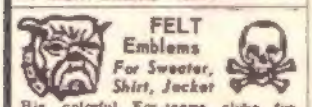

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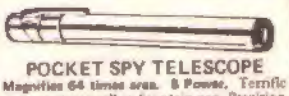

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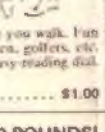

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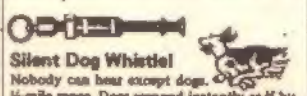

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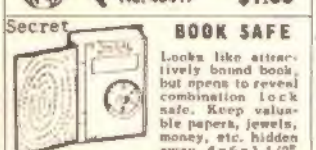

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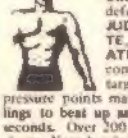

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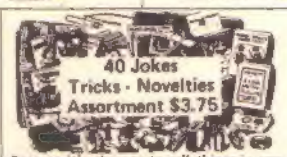

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STRANGE--BUT I GET A CREEPY FEELING I'M BEING WATCHED!
K-P OW
W-WHA...?
UNGHH!...
ZAPPED ME--RIGHT SMACK ON THE BUTTON! B-BUT HOW COULD HE HAVE ZEROED IN ON ME...WHEN HE'S STONE-BLIND?! AND WHY ME?
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A POST-MIDNIGHT HOUR IN GOTHAM CITY'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT...
SEE? JUST LIKE I TOLD YA WHEN I CASED THE JOINT, LI'L JEFF--ONE WATCHMAN!
A VIET-NAM VET WHO'S TOO STRAIGHT TO TAKE A PAY-OFF FOR LOOKING THE OTHER WAY!
YEAH--HE PREFERS TO MOONLIGHT AN' STUDY BY DAY!
WHAT HE MAKES IN A YEAR I COULD PAY HIM IN ONE NIGHT!
ORNITHOLOGY THE SCIENCE OF BIRDS
PUT HIM ON ICE, MARTY! WE NEED TIME FOR THIS JOB-- UNDISTURBED!
SURE FIGURED! ALL KINDS OF ODD "BIRDS" COME OUT AT NIGHT!
ESPECIALLY "JAIL" BIRDS!
ZUNG
A-ARKH!
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AMATEUR! YOU WOULDN'T LAST ONE SECOND IN THE 'NAM BUSH!
HELP MARTY-- QUICK!
THIS WAS KID-STUFF IN SPECIAL-FORCES BASIC--!
SWISH
UNKH!
WHOMPH
TOO BAD, PAL-- YOU HAD FAIR WARNING!
KCHOK
WHUFF!
PHEW! HE'S A ONE-MAN ARMY! TOO BAD HE'S NOT ON MY TEAM...
CAN'T RISK THE NOISE OF A SHOT-- AN' I AIN'T CLOSING WITH HIM! SO...
THE GUY'S GOT EYES IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD!
HUH! MAYBE NOT IN BACK, BUT-- A CAROMING 'CONG GRENADE FRAGMENT EARNED ME THE NAME OF...
"THREE-EYE" REARDON!
3

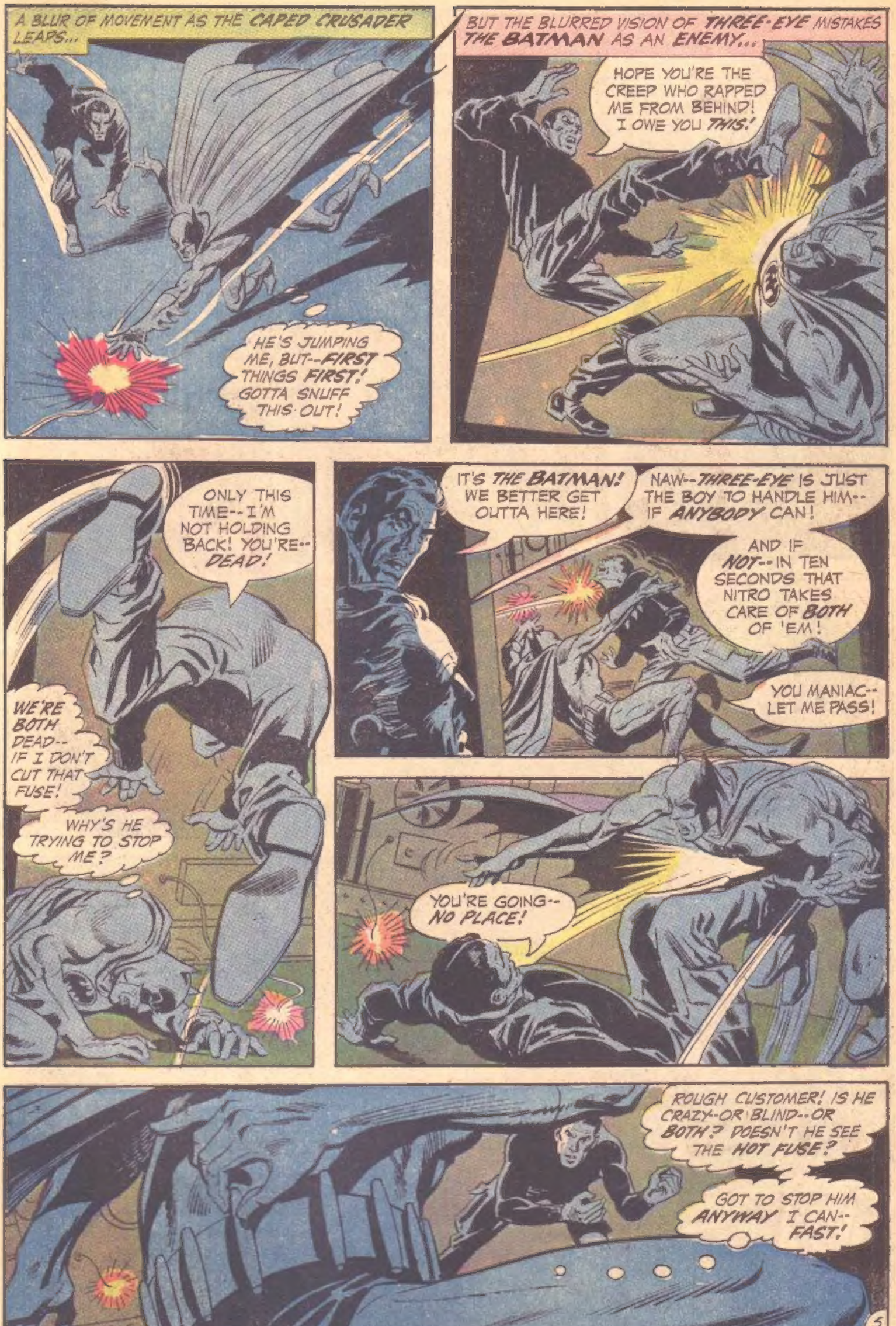
UNH-H...
OKAY, LET'S GO! WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME!
KLUNK

WE'VE GOT A NIGHT'S WORK AHEAD! THEY'VE GOT A TOUGH VAULT IN THIS JOINT!
E FURS

A SHORT TIME LATER...
LIKE I SAID--TOUGH! ONLY NITRO WILL DO THE JOB...
...TAKE COVER!
FZZT

WHILE A REELING EX-MANHUNTER FIGHTS TO GET HIS BEARINGS... INSTINCTIVELY TRACKING HIS PREY...
SEEING'S GONE ALL FUZZY AGAIN! JUST LIKE WHEN THAT 'CONG GRENADE KLONGED ME!

SUDDENLY... THE SURPRISE ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER MANHUNTER--THE DREADED BATMAN! AND A WEIRD CONFLICT OF INTERESTS IS CREATED!...
A LIT FUSE--AND THAT'S PROBABLY THE PUNK WHO LIT IT! BUT NO TIME TO TACKLE HIM-- NOT NOW!
STILL TRYING TO ZAP ME, EH? YOU DON'T COME THROUGH CLEAR, CHARLIE--BUT I'VE HANDLED BLIND COMBAT BEFORE!


A BLUR OF MOVEMENT AS THE CAPED CRUSADER LEAPS...
HE'S JUMPING ME, BUT--FIRST THINGS FIRST! GOTTA SNUFF THIS OUT!
BUT THE BLURRED VISION OF THREE-EYE MISTAKES THE BATMAN AS AN ENEMY...
HOPE YOU'RE THE CREEP WHO RAPPED ME FROM BEHIND! I OWE YOU THIS!
ONLY THIS TIME--I'M NOT HOLDING BACK! YOU'RE--DEAD!
WE'RE BOTH DEAD--IF I DON'T CUT THAT FUSE!
WHY'S HE TRYING TO STOP ME?
IT'S THE BATMAN! WE BETTER GET OUTTA HERE!
NAW--THREE-EYE IS JUST THE BOY TO HANDLE HIM--IF ANYBODY CAN!
AND IF NOT--IN TEN SECONDS THAT NITRO TAKES CARE OF BOTH OF 'EM!
YOU MANIAC--LET ME PASS!
YOU'RE GOING--NO PLACE!
ROUGH CUSTOMER! IS HE CRAZY--OR BLIND--OR BOTH? DOESN'T HE SEE THE HOT FUSE?
GOT TO STOP HIM ANYWAY I CAN--FAST!
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A HEARTBEAT AWAY FROM INSTANT ETERNITY, THE BATMAN DESPERATELY RESORTS TO HIS BATARANG...
IN THAT BRIEF INSTANT, THREE-EYE'S TRICK-VISION CLICKS BACK INTO FOCUS--AND THE LAST THING HE SEES...
THE BATMAN...?!
...BEFORE THE VAULT BLOWS! A LAST VIEW OF THE WORLD HE'S KNOWN--AND OF THE MAN WHO HAS JUST BECOME HIS GREATEST ENEMY!
BARROOM
EVEN BEFORE THE SMOKE CLEARS...
THREE-EYE'S STILL ALIVE!
BUT THE BATMAN'S DEAD!
UHH... M-MY EYES! WHAT'D HE THROW AT ME...?
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Quit moping around your coffin! Here's something new! Barnabas the vampire and his creepy buddy the Werewolf. They look . . . yecchhh . . . real! But look out! The arms are soft, cold clammy to the touch . . . and they are flexible! Make up your own eerie position! MORE! MORE! They glow in the dark! Owwwwww! Too much, too real. Get 'em . . . before they get you!
GLOWS IN THE DARK!
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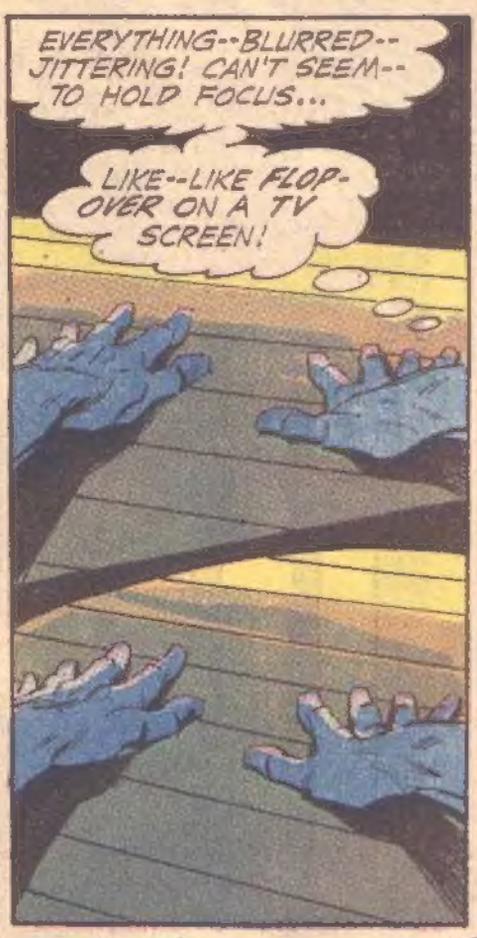
CLEAN OUT THAT VAULT-- AND WE'LL TAKE "BIG BOY" ALONG! I'VE GOT PLANS FOR HIM!

W-WHAT'D THE BATMAN DO TO ME..?I-I CAN'T SEE--
COULD BE JUST TEMPORARY, THREE-EYE!
I'LL GET YOU TO A DOC!

ALONE NOW, SILENCE HANGS LIKE DEATH OVER THE STILL FORM OF THE ONCE MIGHTY CRIME-FIGHTER! AND THEN, WITH SLOW-MOTION DELIBERATION, HE STIRS... MOVES...
MIND REELING-- SPLITTING HEADACHE! WHAT HAPPENED?

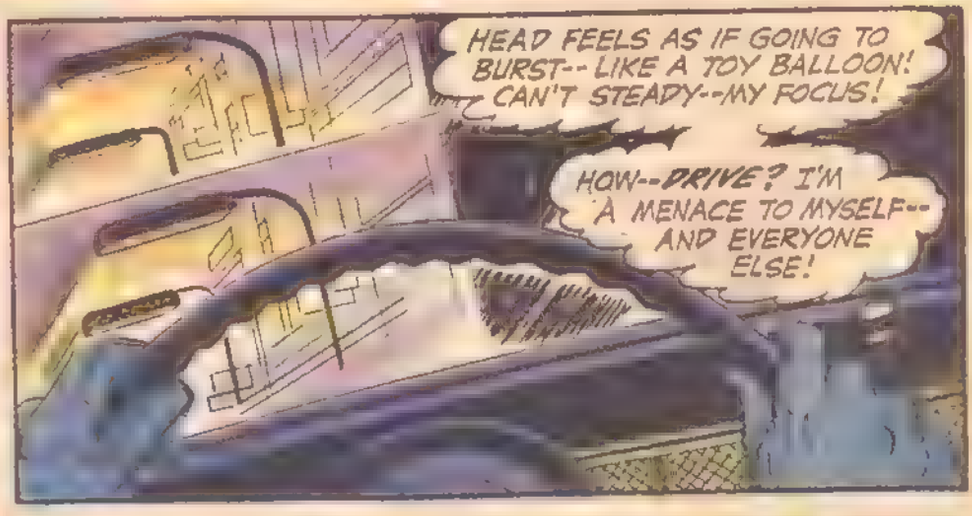

EVERYTHING--BLURRED-- JITTERING! CAN'T SEEM-- TO HOLD FOCUS...
LIKE--LIKE FLOP-OVER ON A TV SCREEN!

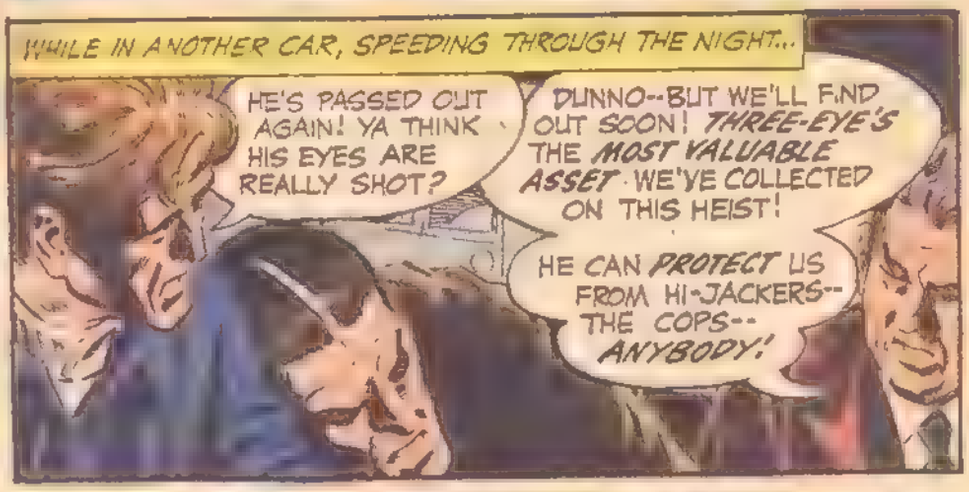
FORCING HIMSELF UP BY SHEER WILL POWER;,, HIS HEAD POUNDING ...HE TRIES A FIRST STEP, LIKE A TODDLING BABY...
EVERYTHING ROLLING-- VERTICALLY!
WHICH IS THE REAL FLOOR?

...AND LIKE AN UNSTABLE TODDLER... TAKES HIS FIRST SPILL!
OOOF!

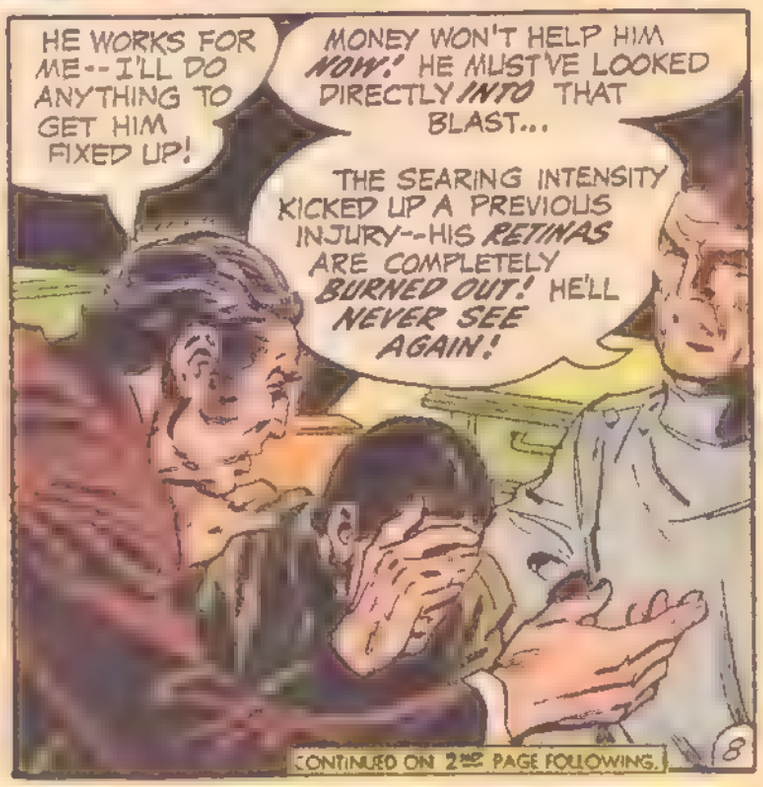
GOTTA LATCH ONTO SOMETHING SOLID I CAN--HOLD!
GOT IT! MY BATROPE!!

CAN'T LET ANYONE SEE ME IN THIS CONDITION...OR I'M OPEN SEASON FOR EVERY KILLER IN GOTHAM!
MUST GET--HOME! CAN'T FUNCTION TILL MY EYES CLEAR UP..


HEAD FEELS AS IF GOING TO BURST--LIKE A TOY BALLOON! CAN'T STEADY--MY FOCUS!
HOW--DRIVE? I'M A MENACE TO MYSELF--AND EVERYONE ELSE!


WHILE IN ANOTHER CAR, SPEEDING THROUGH THE NIGHT...
HE'S PASSED OUT AGAIN! YA THINK HIS EYES ARE REALLY SHOT?
DUNNO--BUT WE'LL FIND OUT SOON! THREE-EYE'S THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET WE'VE COLLECTED ON THIS HEIST!
HE CAN PROTECT US FROM HI-JACKERS--THE COPS--ANYBODY!

LATER...
WHAT'S THE SCORE, DOC? AM I BLACKED OUT PERMANENT BY THAT BUM, BATM--
:UHH: HE'S ALL SHOOK UP, DOC! STILL FOGGY FROM THAT "GAS-MAIN" BLAST...


HE WORKS FOR ME--I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET HIM FIXED UP!
MONEY WON'T HELP HIM NOW! HE MUST'VE LOOKED DIRECTLY INTO THAT BLAST...
THE SEARING INTENSITY KICKED UP A PREVIOUS INJURY--HIS RETINAS ARE COMPLETELY BURNED OUT! HE'LL NEVER SEE AGAIN!
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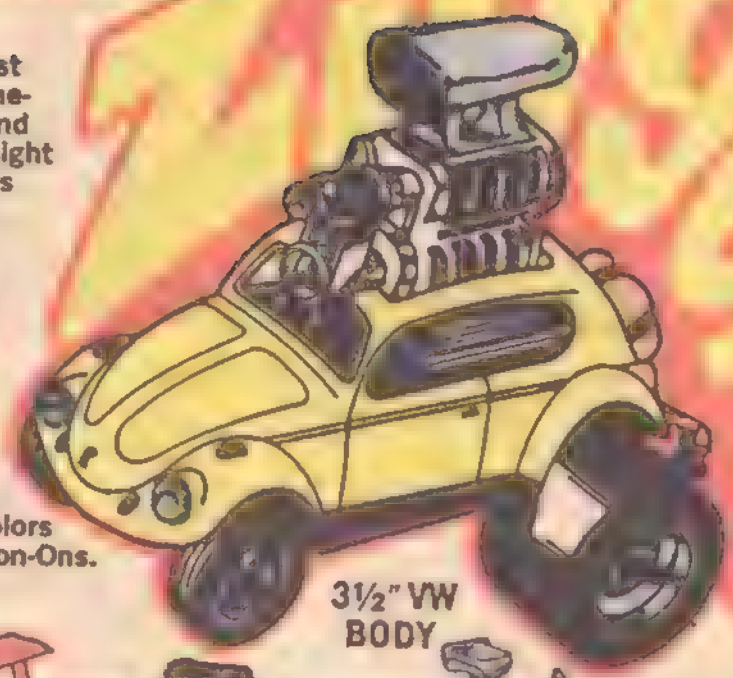


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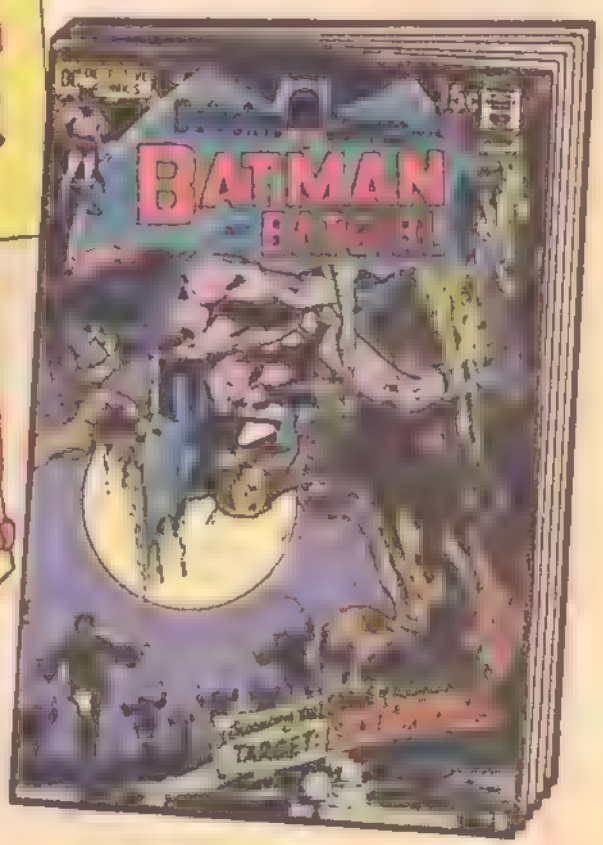



ON SALE
SEPT.29

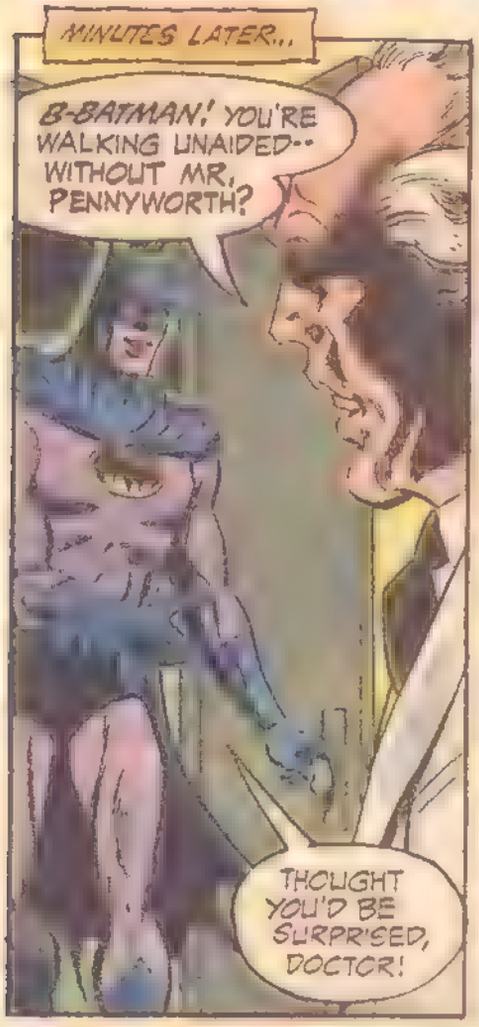
THAT'S FUNNY-- A RE-AL RIOT! THREE-EYE-- THE MAN WITH ONE TOO MANY-- AND NOW THEY ALL END UP BLANKS! HA! HA!
NOTHING YOU CAN DO, DOC--? NO OPERATION...
NOT ON HIS EYES-- THEY'RE FINISHED! BUT MAYBE... HMM...
THERE'S ONE SLIM, RISKY POSSIBILITY--QUITE EXPERIMENTAL-- THAT MAY GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO "SEE"! A COLLEAGUE OF MINE--A TOP NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGIST...
HERE'S HIS NAME AND ADDRESS! I'LL CALL-- TELL DR. ENGSTROM YOU'RE COMING!
WHILE THE BATMAN HAS SOLVED HIS DILEMMA TEMPORARILY... BY RADIO-PHONE...
THE WISEST THING YOU COULD DO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR-- CALLING ME!
HATED TO ADMIT--EVEN TO MYSELF--THAT I'M VULNERABLE, ALFRED-- BUT...
I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED DR. ENGSTROM...
IT'LL BE WISER FOR YOU TO HELP ME "DISGUISED" AS A-- MR. PENNYWORTH!
A MASSIVE TRAUMA TO THE OPTIC NERVES, BATMAN-- BUT THEY WEAR OFF IN TIME! HOWEVER, TILL THEN...
THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE SEVERE HEADACHE, CAUSED BY STRAINING TO FOCUS, IS TO REFRAIN FROM SEEING!
YOU MEAN-- KEEP MY EYES SHUT OR BLACK THEM OUT?

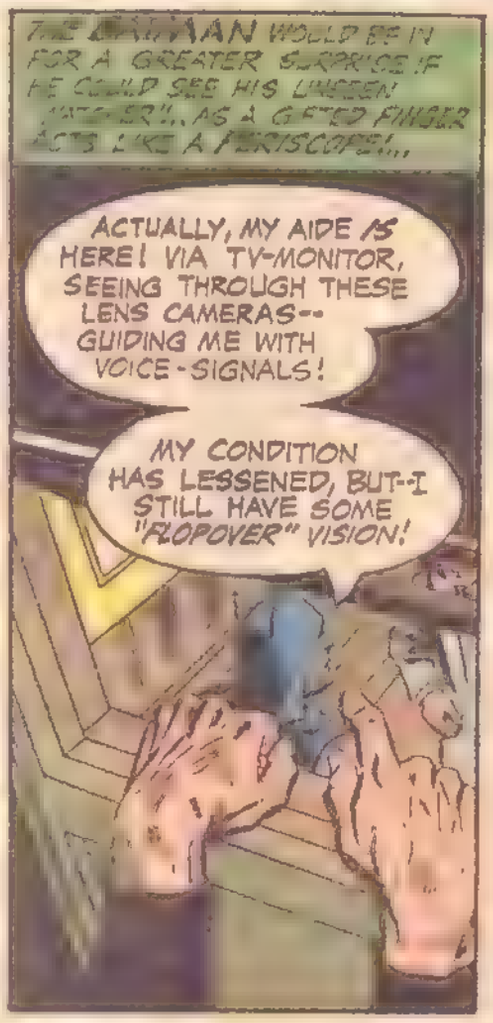
ME WEAR BLACK GLASSES--LIKE A BLIND MAN? NOT A CHANCE, DOCTOR--I'D BE PRACTICALLY ADVERTISING TO THE UNDERWORLD TO "HIT" ME!
YOU WON'T BE DOING ANY CRIME-FIGHTING FOR A WHILE, BATMAN!
BUT FOR LIMITED ACTIVITY, THESE BLACK CONTACT LENSES MASK ONLY THE PUPILS--AND CAN'T BE DETECTED!
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME--I HAVE ANOTHER EMERGENCY CASE WAITING!
WHAT'S WRONG, JEFF? WHY ARE YOU TENSING UP..?
IT'S THE BATMAN--ALIVE! WE'RE SUNK!
THANKS FOR YOUR ADVICE, DR. ENGSTROM! BUT I CAN ONLY TAKE PART OF IT...
...I MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY TO CONTINUE MY ACTIVITIES!
HE AIN'T NOTICING US... BUT HE MUST'VE SEEN YOU IN THAT FIGHT...
I WANT YOU BACK IN A WEEK FOR A RE-CHECK, BATMAN!
COME IN PLEASE...
HE DIDN'T EVEN BLINK AN EYE! WHY WAS HE HERE--WAS HE BLINDED BY THAT BLAST TOO?
ALIVE...THE GUY WHO DID THIS TO ME--ALIVE?!
--BLIND FOR HOW LONG? THE BATMAN'S TOO SHARP--HE'LL FIGURE A WAY TO GET TO US!
NOW I NEED THREE-EYE MORE'N EVER--IF DOC CAN FIX HIM UP LIKE NEW!
LUCKILY THE OPTIC NERVES ARE INTACT! IF I CAN RECONNECT THEM--WITH NO TISSUE-REJECTION...
WHAT KINDA DOUBLE-TALK IS THAT, DOC...?
A HIGHLY EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE BASED ON A RARE NATURAL PHENOMENON FOUND IN VERY FEW INDIVIDUALS...
...WHAT YOU LAYMEN MIGHT CALL--A SEVENTH SENSE!

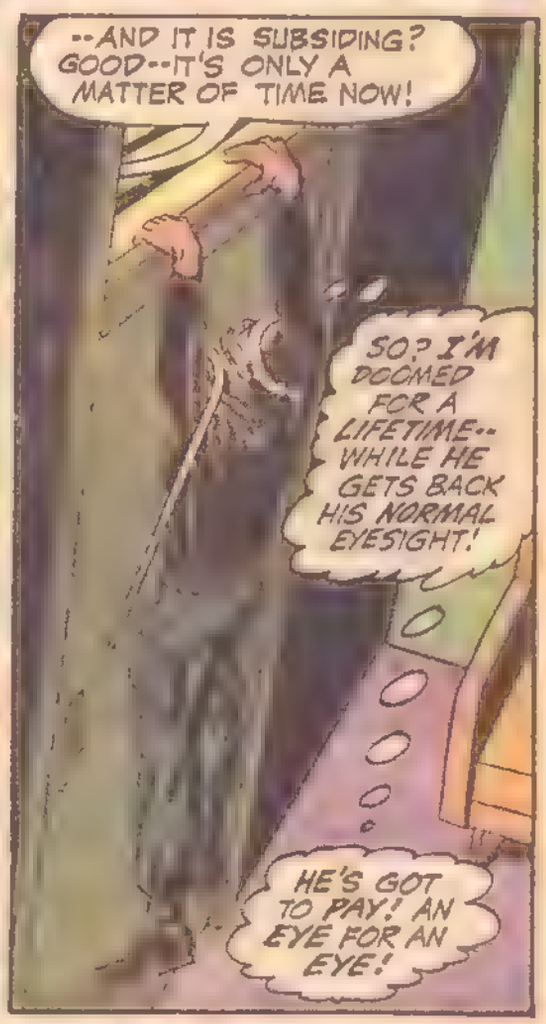
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU CALL IT, DOC--JUST DO IT!
GOOD! IT CAN BE DONE RIGHT HERE IN MY CLINIC! WITH LUCK, MR. REARDON--YOU'LL BE A NEW MAN WITHIN A WEEK!
WHILE IN THE BATMAN'S LAB ATOP THE WAYNE FOUNDATION...
FOR NOW, ALFRED--YOU'LL HAVE TO BE MY EYES!
I'VE ALREADY DEVISED A WAY TO CARRY ON MY CRIME-FIGHTING DESPITE THIS CONDITION! NOW LISTEN CAREFULLY...
GUIDED VERBALLY BY AN UNSEEING BATMAN, ALFRED--AS HIS "EYES"--WORKS ON A DELICATE MICRO-CIRCUIT...
WHILE AN EQUALLY DELICATE--AND UNTRIED--OPERATION IS BEING PERFORMED BY DR. ENGSTROM...
AND DAYS LATER...
COFFEE TABLE, 11 O'CLOCK--2 FEET AHEAD! OTTOMAN, 2 O'CLOCK--3 FEET...
DAY AFTER DAY OF INTENSIVE "UNSEEING" BROKEN-FIELD RUNNING BY THE BLACKED-OUT BATMAN, AND THEN...
IT WORKS! THE MINI-CAMERAS IN MY CONTACT-LENSES.. YOUR TV-MONITORING..
...AND GUIDANCE VIA MICRO-RECEIVER EARPHONES--WE'VE DONE IT, ALFRED!

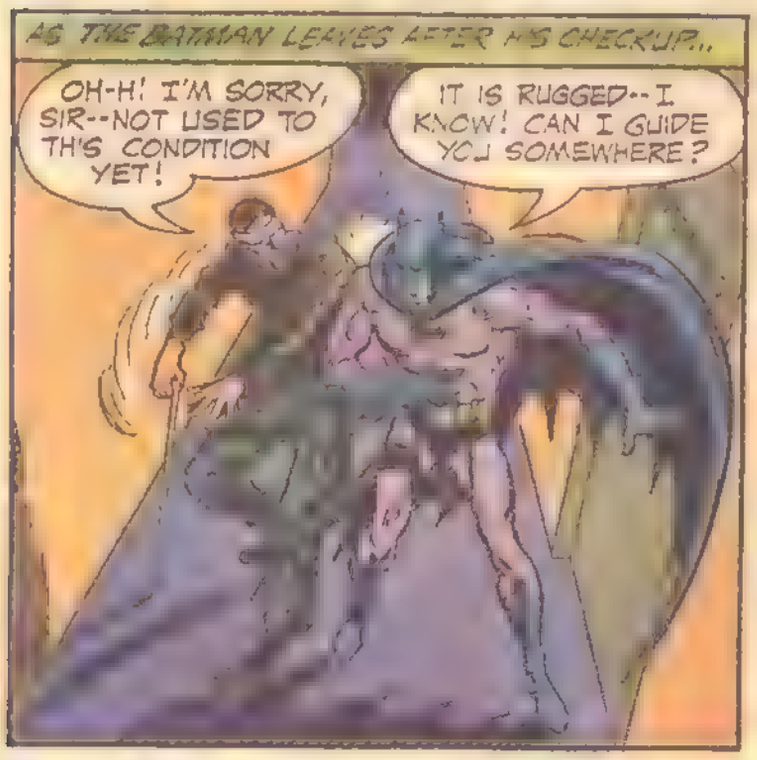
THAT SAME NIGHT, ANOTHER DISABLED FIGHTER TENSELY AWAITS A FINAL VERDICT ON HIS WEEK-LONG ORDEAL....
THE "MOMENT OF TRUTH" EH, DOC?
BUT WHY'D YOU BANDAGE UP MY FINGERS? THEY WEREN'T HURT...
BECAUSE FROM NOW ON--
--THEY WILL SERVE AS YOUR EYES!
MY-- WHAT...?!
YOUR NEW EYES-- TEN OF THEM!
I'VE RECONNECTED YOUR OPTIC NERVES TO THE SENSORY CELLS IN YOUR FINGER-TIPS! IN ADDITION TO THE SENSE OF TOUCH-- I'VE ADDED SIGHT!
GO ON--POINT YOUR FINGERS AT ANYTHING YOU WANT TO "SEE"!
DOC--I CAN SEE! MORE THAN I EVER DID BEFORE-- YOU AND ME AT ONE TIME!

I AM PLEASED, REARDON-- BUT REST NOW! I HAVE TO TEND TO AN OUT-PATIENT I'M EXPECTING...
THE BATMAN! THE RAT THAT TURNED ME INTO THIS--TEN-EYED FREAK!


MINUTES LATER...
B-BATMAN! YOU'RE WALKING UNAIDED-- WITHOUT MR. PENNYWORTH?
THOUGHT YOU'D BE SURPRISED, DOCTOR!

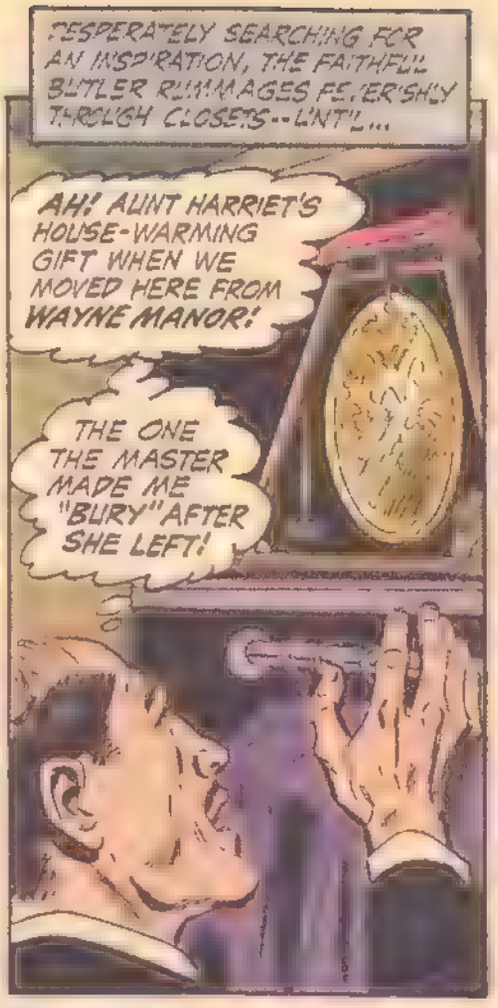

THE BATMAN WOULD BE IN FOR A GREATER SURPRISE IF HE COULD SEE HIS UNSEEN WATCHER!.. AS A GIFTED FINGER ACTS LIKE A PERISCOPE!..
ACTUALLY, MY AIDE IS HERE! VIA TV-MONITOR, SEEING THROUGH THESE LENS CAMERAS-- GUIDING ME WITH VOICE-SIGNALS!
MY CONDITION HAS LESSENED, BUT--I STILL HAVE SOME "FLOPOVER" VISION!

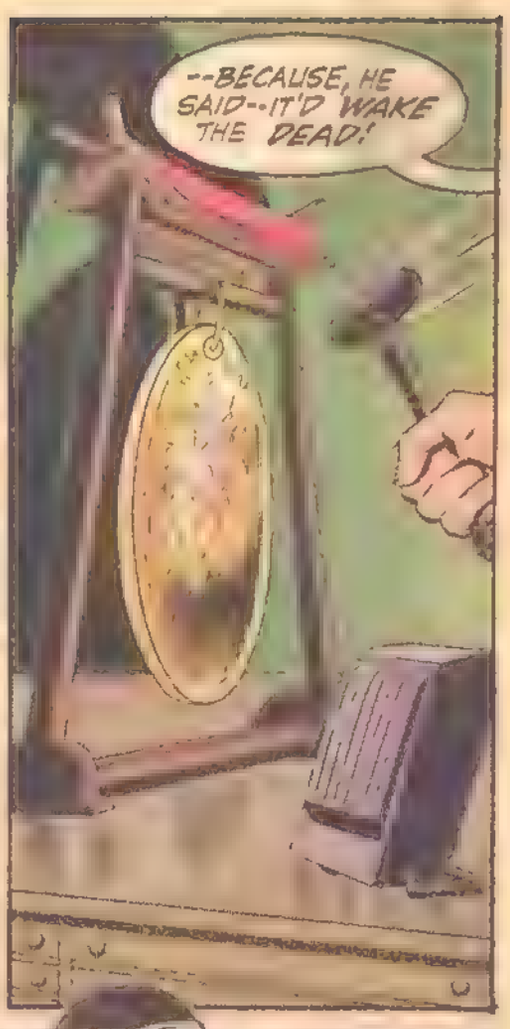

--AND IT IS SUBSIDING? GOOD--IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME NOW!
SO? I'M DOOMED FOR A LIFETIME-- WHILE HE GETS BACK HIS NORMAL EYESIGHT!
HE'S GOT TO PAY! AN EYE FOR AN EYE!

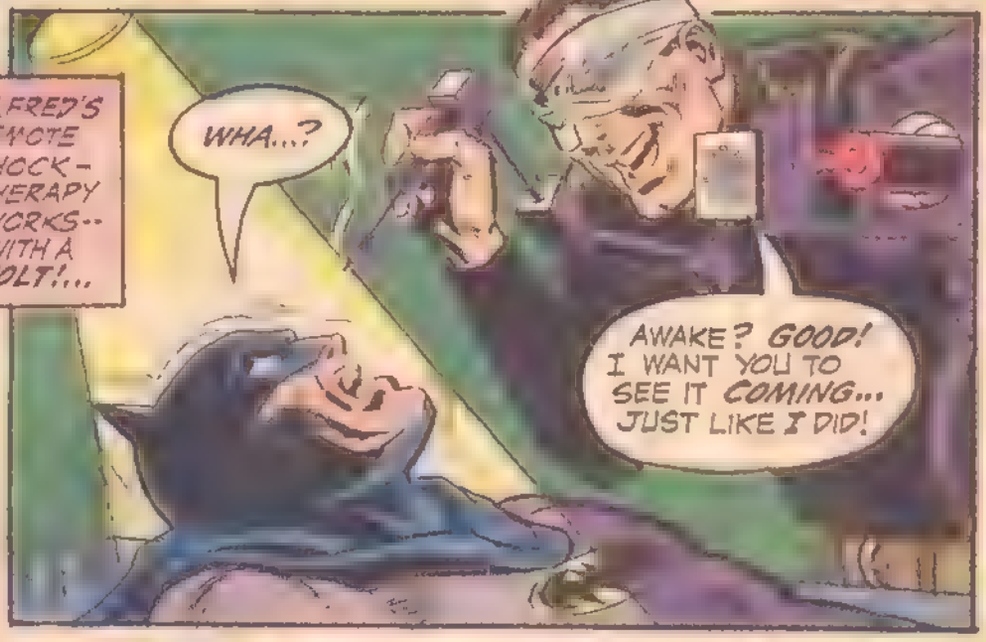

AS THE BATMAN LEAVES AFTER HIS CHECKUP...
OH-H! I'M SORRY, SIR--NOT USED TO TH'S CONDITION YET!
IT IS RUGGED--I KNOW! CAN I GUIDE YOU SOMEWHERE?

OH, THANK YOU, SIR! ROOM 3-B... BUT DON'T HOLD ME! I'LL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOU...
IRONIC! THE BLIND--LEADING THE BLIND!

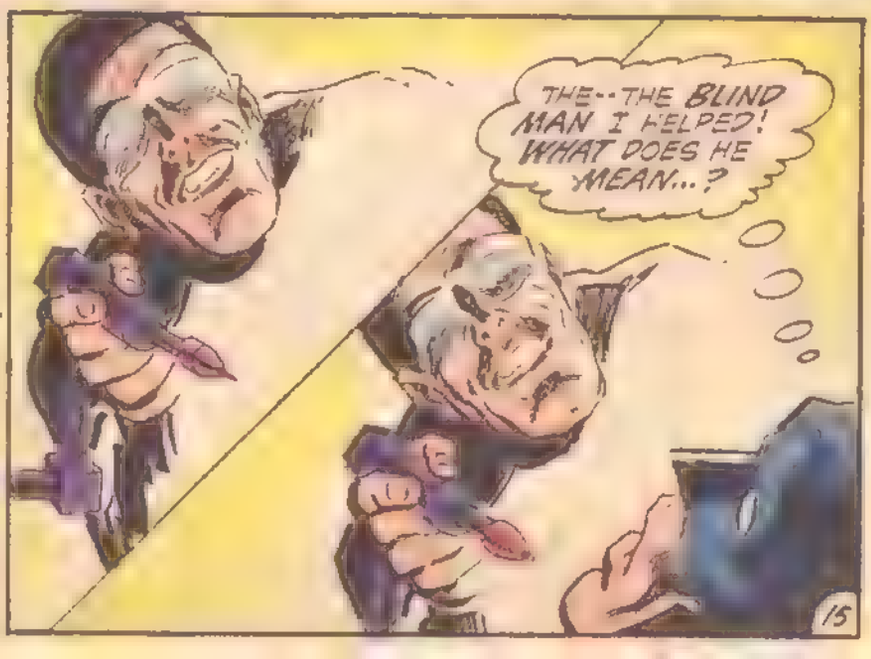
A DEVASTATING SNEAK ATTACK--AND INSTANTLY THE UNSUSPECTING BATMAN LOSES HIS "WINDOWS ON THE WORLD"!
PHWAP
BUT HELP LIES A LIFETIME AWAY--AS ACROSS TOWN, ALFRED CRIES OUT INTO UNHEARING EARS...
HIS LENSES HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT!
MASTER--MASTER BATMAN! SNAP OUT OF IT!
WHILE SEEING LENSES MONITOR A MOUNTING TRAGEDY...
THEN, AS THE SWINGING DOORS SHUT OFF ALFRED'S CRIES...
NOW I'LL REPAY MY "DEBT" TO YOU, BATMAN--FOR THIS... HA! HA!...TEN-FOLD GIFT YOU GAVE ME!
THE SAME WAY I GOT IT! WHERE IS THAT MACHINE...?
YOUR EYE TROUBLE WON'T BE TEMPORARY WHEN I'M FINISHED!
THIS LASER CAUTERY-MACHINE THAT DOC ENGSTROM USED TO SEVER MY OPTIC-NERVES BEFORE HE RE-ROUTED THEM--WILL DO THE JOB NEATLY AND PERMA-NENT!
WHILE ALFRED'S FRANTIC CRIES, FROM AN ETERNITY AWAY, STILL FALL ON DEAF EARS!
PLEASE, SIR--WAKE UP! PLEASE--YOU'RE IN GRAVE DANGER!


DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR AN INSP'RATION, THE FAITHFUL BUTLER RUMMAGES FEVER'SHLY THROUGH CLOSETS--UNTIL...
AH! AUNT HARRIET'S HOUSE-WARMING GIFT WHEN WE MOVED HERE FROM WAYNE MANOR!
THE ONE THE MASTER MADE ME "BURY" AFTER SHE LEFT!






FIGHTING STILL LINGERING WAVES OF PAIN, THE BATMAN TRIES VAINLY TO HOLD FOCUS--BUT SEES ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE...



TAKE A GOOD LOOK, BATMAN--YOUR LAST! YOU'LL SEE JUST A BRIEF BRILLIANT RED FLASH--
JUST LIKE I DID--WHEN THAT FUR VAULT BLEW!
GOOD LORD! HE'S THE MAN WHO KEPT ME FROM THAT LIT FUSE...
HERE GOES, BABY--LIGHTS OUT!
KKK
ZZZK
ONCE AGAIN THE ALERT CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, THE BATMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS!...
SWPP
THONK
I STILL HAVE FLOPOVER VISION, BUT I'VE GOT THE EDGE ON HIM--HE CAN'T SEE AT ALL!
HAVE TO PIN HIM DOWN FIRST-- THEN FIND OUT...
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THE BATMAN'S FIRST MISJUDGMENT OF HIS OPONENT--AS TEN-EYE POINTS HIS ALL-SEEING HAND AND UNERRINGLY ZEROES IN WITH HIS COMBAT BOOT!
KLOK
HAH! YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD IT MADE, EH, BATMAN--
A "HELPLESS" --NO-EYED-- CRIPPLE AT YOUR MERCY...?
COME AND TAKE ME, BABY! I GOT TEN-EYE6 NOW IN PLACE OF THE TWO YOU ROBBED ME OF!
TEN-"EYES"! HE MUST BE RAVING AFTER THAT LUCKY K'CK...!
GOING TO BE TOUGH NAILING HIM ON THE BUTTON WITH THIS CRAZY-QUILT PICTURE, I'M GETTING, BUT...
...I CAN SEE HE'S FEINTING WITH HIS LEFT-- TRYING TO SUCKER ME INTO HIS RIGHT, SO...
BUT AS HE MOVES TO HIS FOE'S LEFT...TEN-EYE'S OPEN HAND SNAPS SHUT... AND LIKE A COBRA STALKING ITS PREY...STRIKES!
UNGH!
ZZAP
THAT WAS NO LUCKY PUNCH! AND--AND HE'S NO POWDER-PUFF SLUGGER EITHER...!
HAH! YOU'RE A HARD BOY TO CONVINCE! I'M ALL EYES...
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...AND I'M GOING TO POUND YOURS OUT OF EXISTENCE!
OWWW! I CAN'T SEE FAST ENOUGH TO BLOCK...!
HE'S NOT KIDDING! HE COULD JUST DO IT! HE'S A SHARPSHOOTER!
BUT--HOW DOES HE SEE?
HITTING THE FLOOR, THE CANNY CRUSADER CONTINUES MOVING IN A FAST ROLL!
ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! GET BEHIND HIM... SEE HOW HE FOLLOWS ME...
IS THAT IT? HE'S TRACKING ME WITH HIS-- HANDS?
NO--NOT HIS HANDS-- HIS FINGERTIPS!!
--THE TEN "EYES" HE BRAGGED ABOUT!
AND WITH MY TWO BUM EYES--CAN'T FIX FOCUS LONG ENOUGH TO COUNTER HIS SURE-SHOTS!
GOT TO CUT DOWN THE ODDS--OR HE CUTS ME DOWN!
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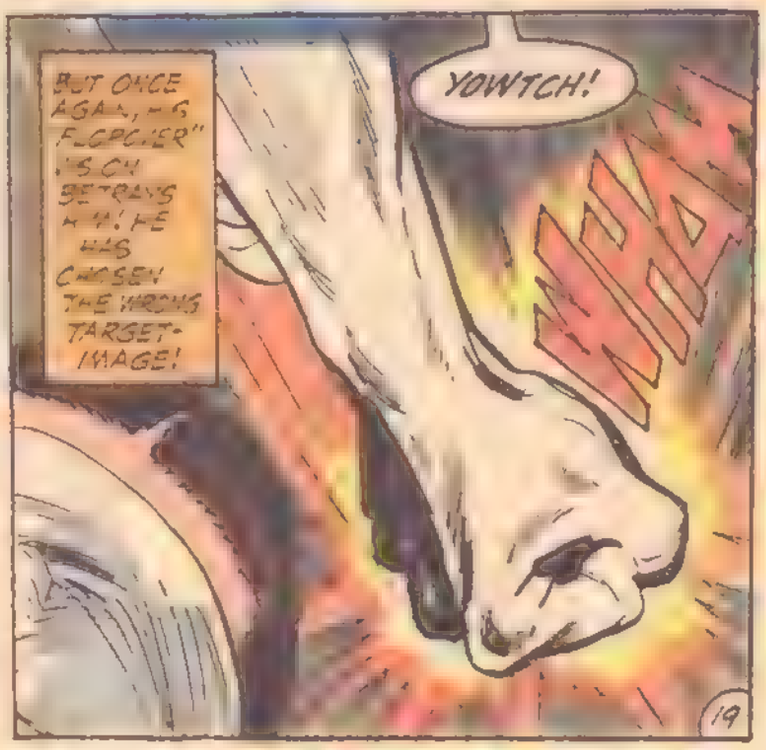
GET IN FAST-- SPILL HIM! THEN, HE'S GOT TO...
THEN--IN A SURPRISE FLAT-OUT TACKLE.. THE CAPED CRUSADER STREAKS UNDER A WILD SWING, AND...

...BREAK HIS FALL!
OWOO-O-O-O! M-MY EYES--!

WRITHING IN PAIN, TEN-EYE CLUTCHES AT THE THROBBING AGONY SHOOTING THROUGH HIS SENSITIVE, FIVE-EYED FINGERS...
NOW THE ODDS ARE BETTER THAN EVEN! IF I CAN ONLY GET IN A FINISHER AT THAT BOBBING HEAD!

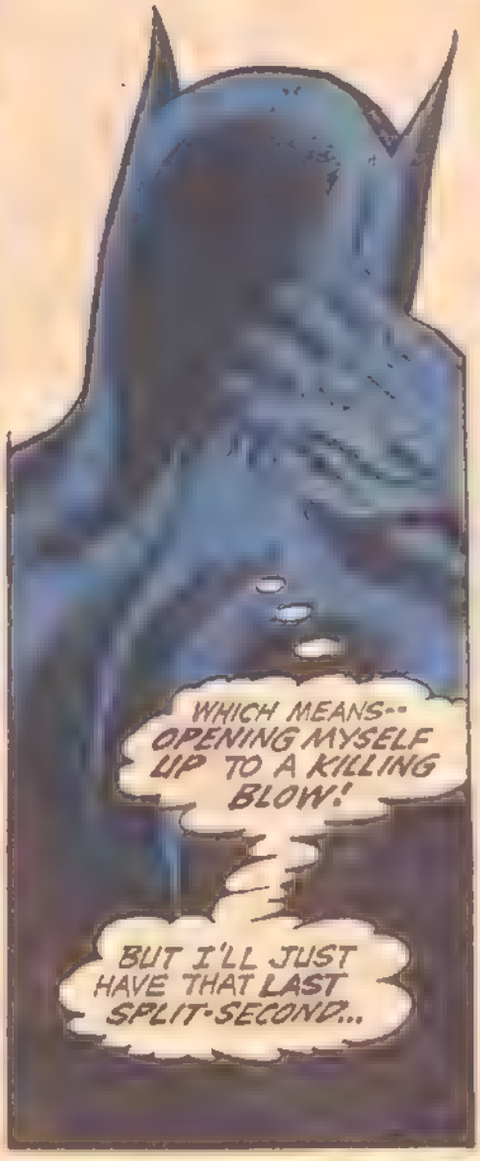
THE BATMAN'S MIGHTY FIST FLASHES DOWN AT HIS ELUSIVE TARGET...


YOWTCH!
BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE FLOPPIER" IS ON BETRAYS HIM! HE HAS CHOSEN THE WRONG TARGET-IMAGE!
WHAM

CHOK
UNH! ALMOST HAD ME, HEY? NOW IT'S FIVE EYES-- TO ONE!

HE CALLED HIS SHOT! NOW MY LEFT EYE IS SWELLING--SHUT! AND MY RE-MAINING ONE...
NOW YOU'RE BEGINNING TO GET THE PICTURE-- WHAT YOU CAN SEE OF IT!
IT'S ONE DOWN-- ONE TO GO!

I-I'M FINISHED-- UNLESS...
--UNLESS I CAN USE HIS REMAINING HAND--AGAINST HIM!


WHICH MEANS-- OPENING MYSELF UP TO A KILLING BLOW!
BUT I'LL JUST HAVE THAT LAST SPLIT-SECOND...

...DURING WHICH I EXPOSE MY JAW AS A TARGET TO HIS FIVE SEEING FINGERS...
...BEFORE HE "BLINDS" HIMSELF-- BY FOLDING HIS "EYES" INTO A FIST....!
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WORLD'S FASTEST BIG RACERS!

WOW! IT'S THE BIG ONES FROM KENNER!

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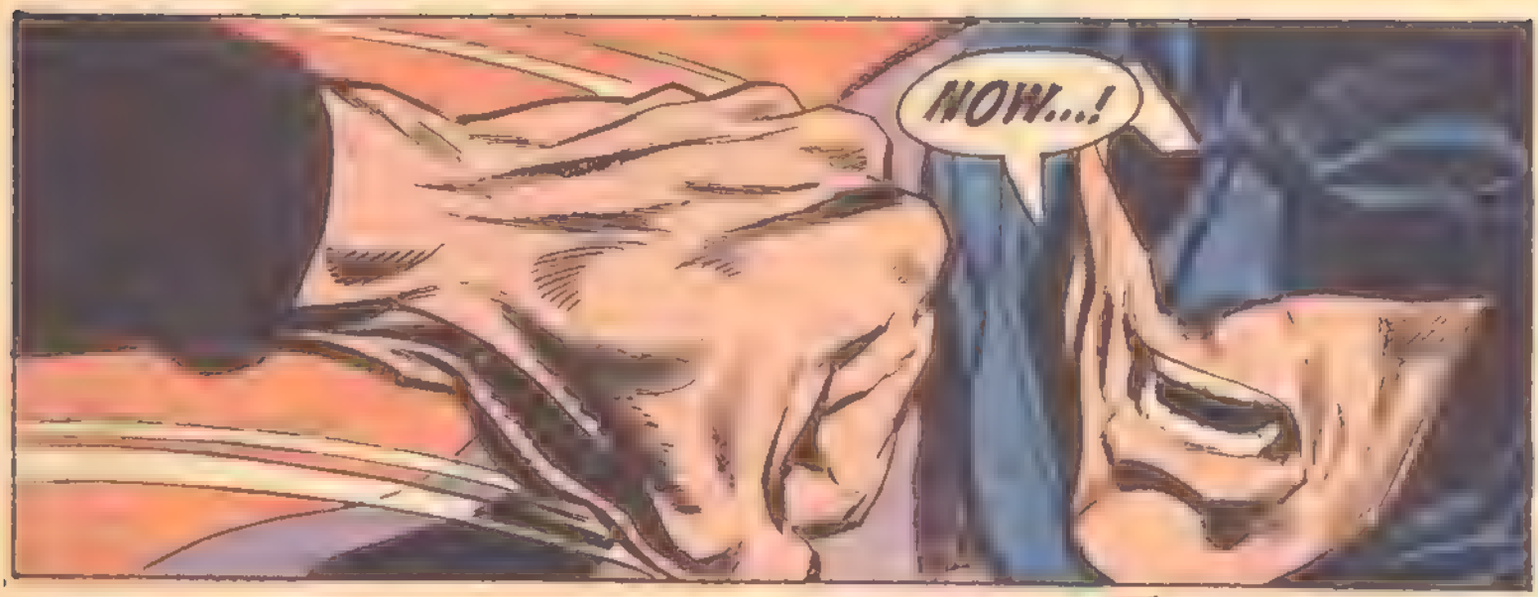
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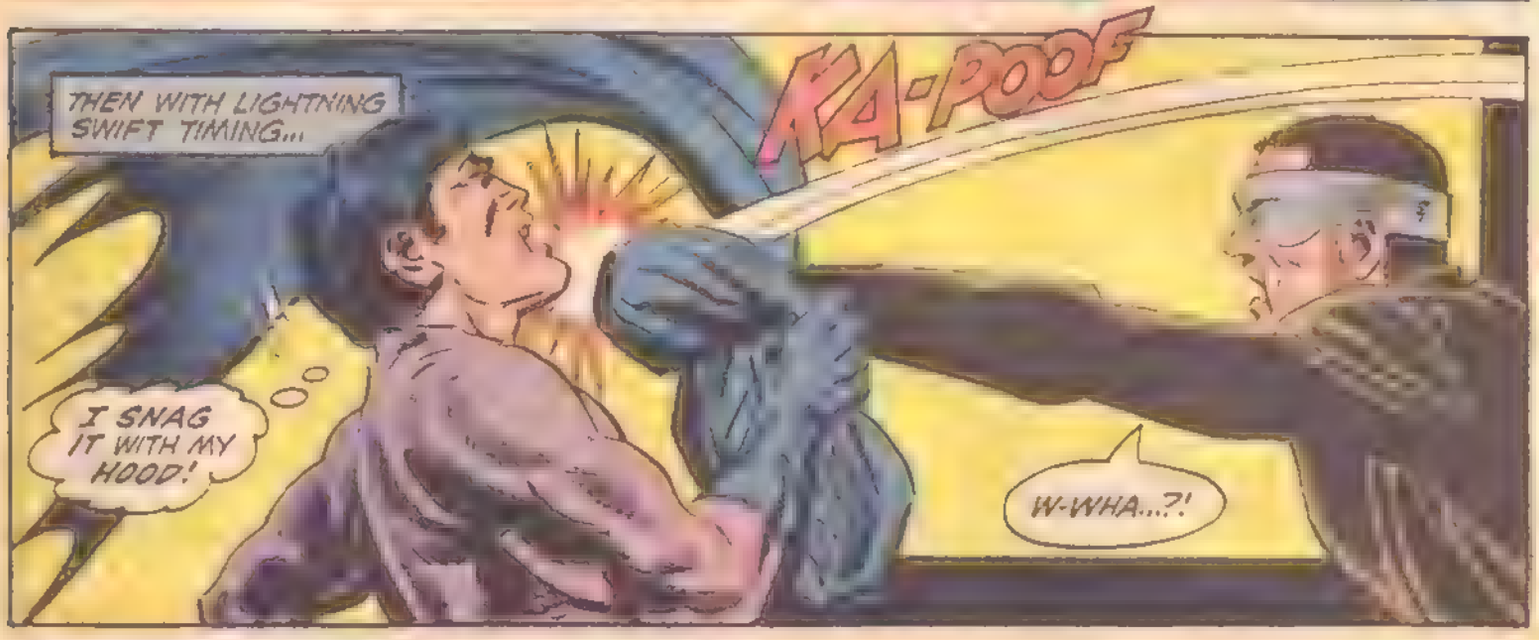
THEN WITH LIGHTNING SWIFT TIMING...
KA-POOF
I SNAG IT WITH MY HOOD!
W-WHA...?!

SHAKEN FROM THE MUFFLED POWERHOUSE-PUNCH, THE FALLING BATMAN TWISTS THE ENSNARING HOOD EVEN TIGHTER AROUND HIS FOE'S REMAINING FIVE "EYES", AND...
CAN'T SEE! LEGGO--!
I'VE HOODED THE COBRA--BUT CAN'T LET GO WITH MY ONE GOOD HAND--OR...

INSTINCTIVELY RESPONDING TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF JUDO--USING AN OPPONENT'S MOMENTUM AGAINST HIM--THE CRIPPLED CRUSADER LASHES OUT AGAINST THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE FALLING TEN-EYE WITH HIS FOOT...RIGHT ON THE BUTTON...
K-HOCK

THE SOUND OF TORMENTED GLADIATORS GONE FROM THE OPERATING ARENA...SILENCE REGAINS! THE VICTOR--HARDLY MORE CONSCIOUS THAN HIS STRICKEN FOE--FIGHTS TO REGAIN HIS SAPPED STRENGTH!...
IT'S DONE! OVER--FOR HIM--AS IT COULD'VE BEEN FOR ME!
THE DERANGED VICTIM OF HIS OWN PARANOIA! BLAMING ME FOR HIS INJURY--WHEN HE PREVENTED ME FROM STOPPING THAT BLAST! POOR GUY!
HE REALLY NEEDS MEDICAL HELP NOW--BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL! BETTER GET DR. ENGSTROM FIRST...
TEN-EYE WILL NEVER KNOW THAT THE BATMAN HE WAS FIGHTING--IS REALLY BRUCE WAYNE! HE WAS "BLINDED" BEFORE THE HOOD CAME OFF!
MOMENTS LATER, RACING BACK TO THE OPERATING ROOM
I WON'T SAY YOU CREATED A "MONSTER," DOC--BUT...
...TEN-EYE COULD BE THE DEADLIEST "KILLING MACHINE" EVER CREATED--IF I HADN'T STOPPED HIM COLD!
AT THE TIME I NEVER DREAMED, BATMAN...
OH, MY GOD--GONE?!
GONE...
...AND UNLEASHED ON INNOCENT GOTHAM--THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN ALIVE! WHAT WILL HE DO AFTER HE LICKS HIS WOUNDS AND CRAWLS OUT OF HIS HOLE...
...AN AVENGING DEMON WITH TEN-EYES?!
WHO KNOWS...? ONLY THE MAN WITH TEN EYES--AND A FORTHCOMING ISSUE OF BATMAN!
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ON SALE SEPT. 24TH

# LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE



*Dear Editor:*

*Batman* blows my mind! Especially the *New Batman.* Issue #222 (June '70) was the most fantastic satire I have ever read (and I've read quite a few). Satirizing the Paul McCartney death-hoax was a great idea for a story to show how stupid the whole thing was. Naming the Beatles the "Oliver Twists" was an excellent idea because of the "twist" ending. Also, it was a "Dickens" of a story (sorry about that)!

*—SAMUEL P. SCHRAEGER, Asbury Park, N.J.*

*(PAR-don our boasting, but observe how the next correspondent neatly tees off on the "Dead... Till Proven Alive" story!*—Editor)

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*Dear Editor:*

It is a warm day here at the Gotham Country Club where the #222nd *Batman Open* is about to begin. On the 18th tee are the finalists, the two teams consisting of Robbins and Novick vs. Friedrich and Novick, aided by the caddy services of Dick Giordano and Julius Schwartz. This last hole is a par 5, 525 yards, and is plagued by numerous hazards; the going is rough, but let's see how things come out.

Seizing his driver, Robbins tees off with the introduction of Saul Cartwright and the Twists. The lack of originality, and the assumption that the readers are naive enough to not connect the characters with the Beatles and Paul McCartney's death rumors, has put Robbins in trouble. He lies in the rough at a distance of about 200 yards. Knowing he will need a lot of distance on this next shot in order to reach the green, his second swing re-opens *Stately Wayne Manor* and the *Batcave.* He follows this with some clever deductions and an ever-deepening mystery over the identity of Saul. He lands approximately 36 inches from the edge of the green, in a good position to at least secure his par.

In chipping up, the *Batmobile* is revived once again, and *Batman* begins to close in on the truth to the mystery. The ball comes on strong, passing the cup and coming to rest about four feet from it. The pressure is on. Sweat pouring from his bow, he strikes the ball a good, solid blow, careful not to err in his aim. The spinning ball reveals the truth at last, and the facts are presented in good if not great fashion. But as the ball nears the cup, it is to the right and begins to rim it. But at the last second, the realization of *Robin's* guest-shot back on his home grounds strikes with full impact, enough for the ball to drop safely into the cup. Frank Robbins has his birdie four.

We will now look back to the tee shot of Robbins' opponent, Mike Friedrich. As the ball knifes through the air, the lack of pages given him causes the ball to slice. But the impact of the figure of *Batman* shaky and wracked with pain is such that the ball strikes one of the trees labeled "editorial director", and bounces into a very good position near the center of the fairway, out about 220 yards. Confident, his second shot reveals the characters of the story, the plot, and follows with *Batman's* scientific trailing of the attacker.

So strong is the shot that it hits the green and rolls to the far side, about 40 yards from the pin. Lining up the long shot ahead of him, his shot reveals the *Batman's* effort to conquer his foe through his fatigue. The putt is short, and he has about three feet yet to cover. But the ball unerringly zeroes in on the hole as *Batman* employs his mystery effect by calculating where the hood is running and bursting out of the manhole. And as the grateful camera-bug snaps a picture of a tired-but-proud *Batman,* the ball rolls into the cup with a resonant plunk. And Mike Friedrich also has his birdie.

Perhaps less colorful than Robbins and Friedrich were their partners, who managed pars but nothing more. Still, Novick and Giordano played a good game and they're welcome back any time.

So as it stands, all is tied up and a play-off must be scheduled at the earliest date. Be sure you're on hand for the July *Batman Open,* #223. Be seein' ya, sports fans.

*—GARY SKINNER, Columbus, Ohio*

*(And now—the inevitable* bogie!—Editor)

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*Dear Editor:*

Mind you, I didn't expect anything spectacular from *Batman* 222. After all, with *Robin* back at the nest with his guardian, we couldn't hope to see the creature-of-the-night *Batman* that we've grown accustomed to during the last few months. I instead grimly prepared myself for the revival of the super-scientific and very UN-mysterious *Batman* of the late '60's.

I was almost right. With the burden of the *Boy Wonder,* the *Dark Detective* could *not* be the silent, brooding, sinister figure hovering quietly over the city, whose very presence terrorizes all who gaze upon him. And, as I foresaw, *Robin* was still punning his way through practically every action panel. However, I did notice that you tried to save face by a few well-placed shadows and by keeping the cape as long and flowing as possible. You get a point for effort, anyway.

A small word about the technical end of #222. I am truly sorry Mr. Robbins found it necessary to do a poorly contrived *Batman*-style investigation of the "dead Beatle" scare of a few months back. Please, Mr. Robbins, if you find it necessary to be topical, or "IN", or whatever, at least try to do it well.

The art in this issue did not settle much better with me than the story did. I know there are those who believe that Novick-Giordano have great mood or "atmospheric" qualities, but I disagree. As much as I try, I cannot enjoy an Irv Novick-penciled *Batman* story. Unless the inker literally re-pencils everything, the characters loom awkward, and just as often look like they're in extreme pain (perhaps Mr. Novick draws their pants on too tightly...)

*—LEONARD UHLEY, Beverly Hills, Cal.*

*(Finally a couple of goodies at the 19th hole!*—Editor)

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*Dear Editor:*

"Dead... Till Proven Alive" was a very cute and exciting story. This is a rare combination and Frank Robbins gets nothing but roses (minus the thorns) from me on this fine effort. The return of the *Batman-Robin* team was so smoothly handled that it seemed as fitting as a sunny day in Spring. Irv Novick should be highly praised for his interpretation of the *Batman.* I dig it!

*—PETER J. TOWNE, Norway, Maine*

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*Dear Editor:*

Very sneaky! Yes, very sneaky indeed! I'm talking about "Dead... Till Proven Alive!" I noticed how close "Saul" is to "Paul"; even my sister caught how close "Cartwright" is to "McCartney"!

It sure was a switch-ending. It was very cute how you worked things out. When the night is cloudy and Frank Robbins can make more stories like this... LET IT BE!

*—MARY ANN GWYNN, E. Falmouth, Mass.*

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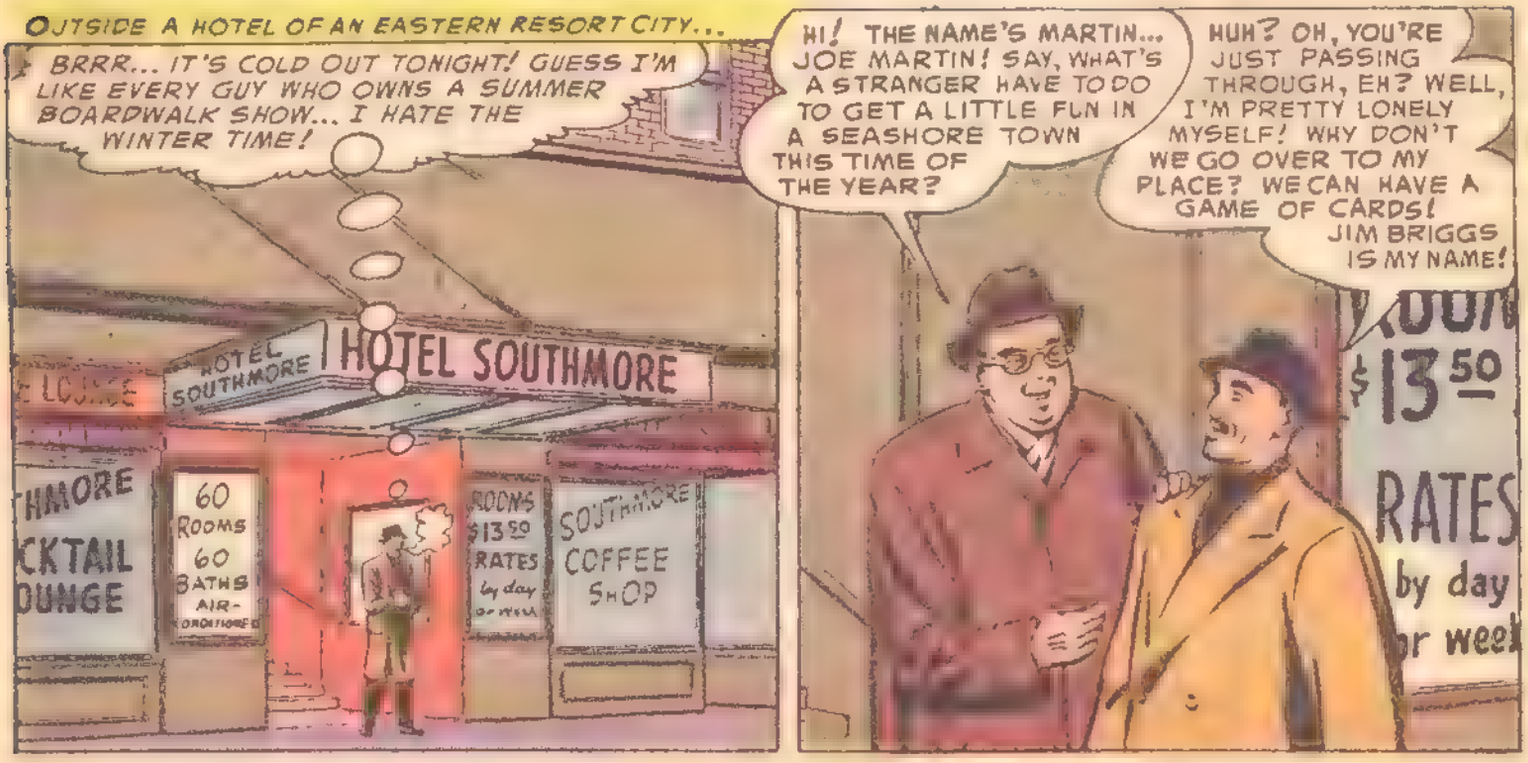
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HUH? OH, YOU'RE JUST PASSING THROUGH, EH? WELL, I'M PRETTY LONELY MYSELF! WHY DON'T WE GO OVER TO MY PLACE? WE CAN HAVE A GAME OF CARDS! JIM BRIGGS IS MY NAME!
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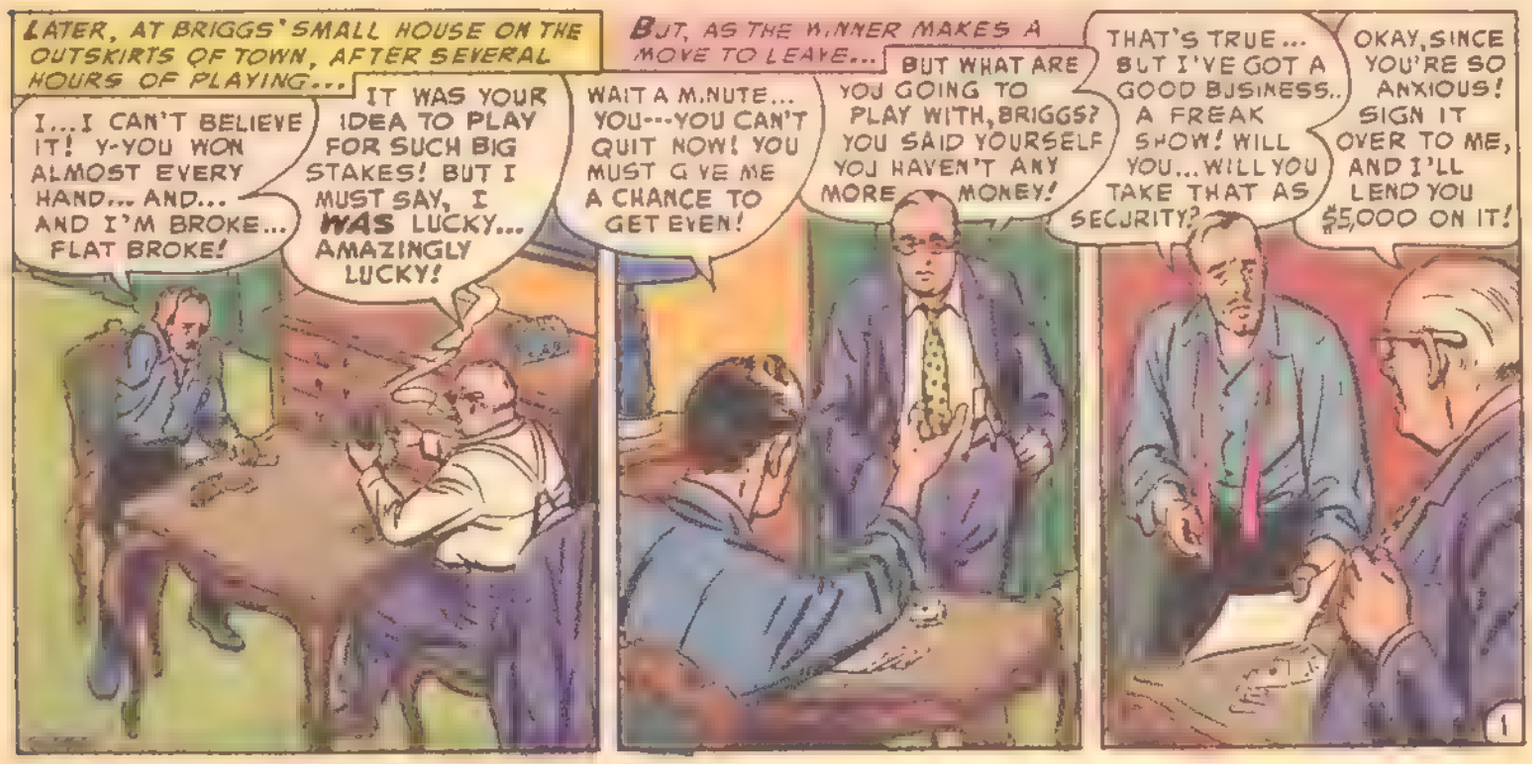
LATER, AT BRIGGS' SMALL HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF PLAYING...
I...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! Y-YOU WON ALMOST EVERY HAND... AND... AND I'M BROKE... FLAT BROKE!
IT WAS YOUR IDEA TO PLAY FOR SUCH BIG STAKES! BUT I MUST SAY, I WAS LUCKY... AMAZINGLY LUCKY!
BUT, AS THE WINNER MAKES A MOVE TO LEAVE...
WAIT A MINUTE... YOU---YOU CAN'T QUIT NOW! YOU MUST GIVE ME A CHANCE TO GET EVEN!
BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO PLAY WITH, BRIGGS? YOU SAID YOURSELF YOU HAVEN'T ANY MORE MONEY!
THAT'S TRUE... BUT I'VE GOT A GOOD BUSINESS.. A FREAK SHOW! WILL YOU... WILL YOU TAKE THAT AS SECURITY?
OKAY, SINCE YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS! SIGN IT OVER TO ME, AND I'LL LEND YOU $5,000 ON IT!
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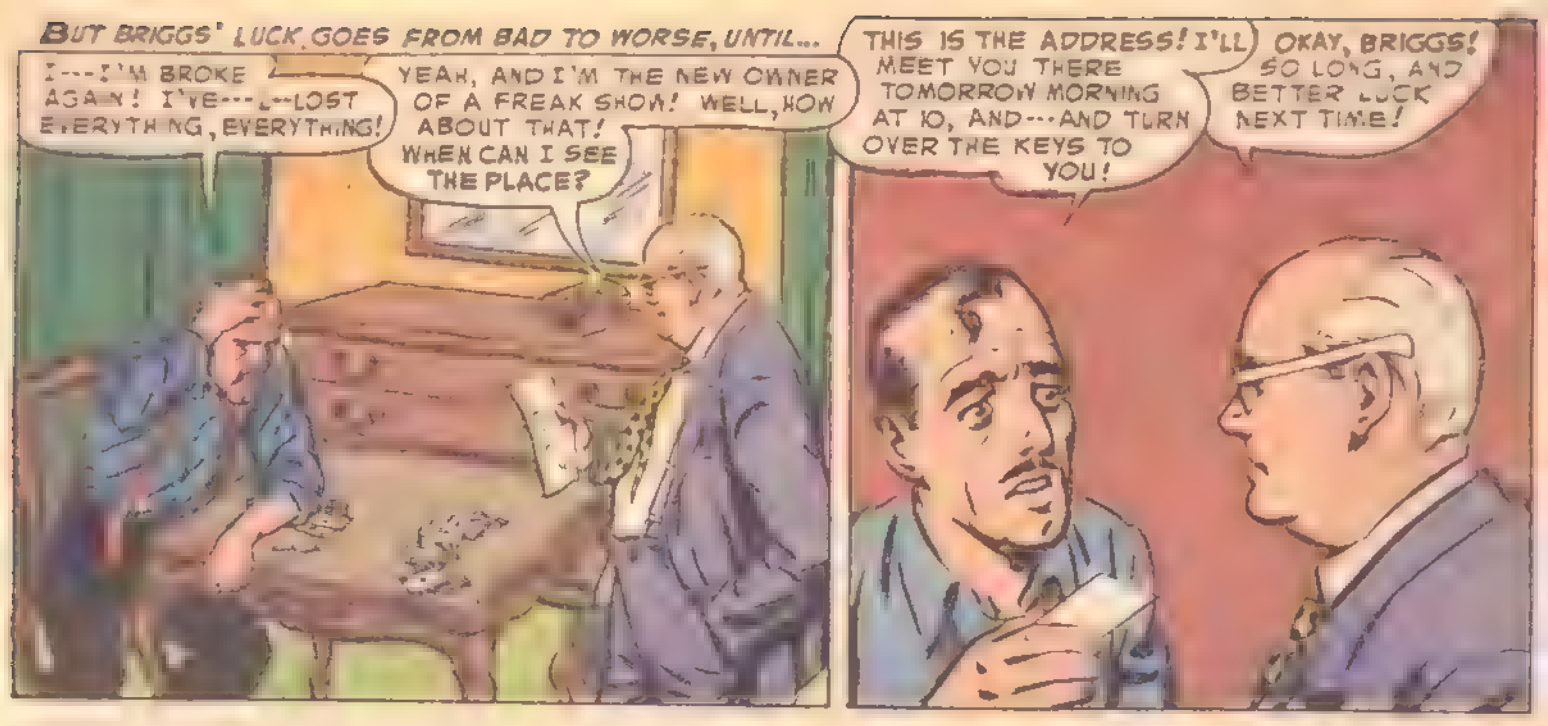
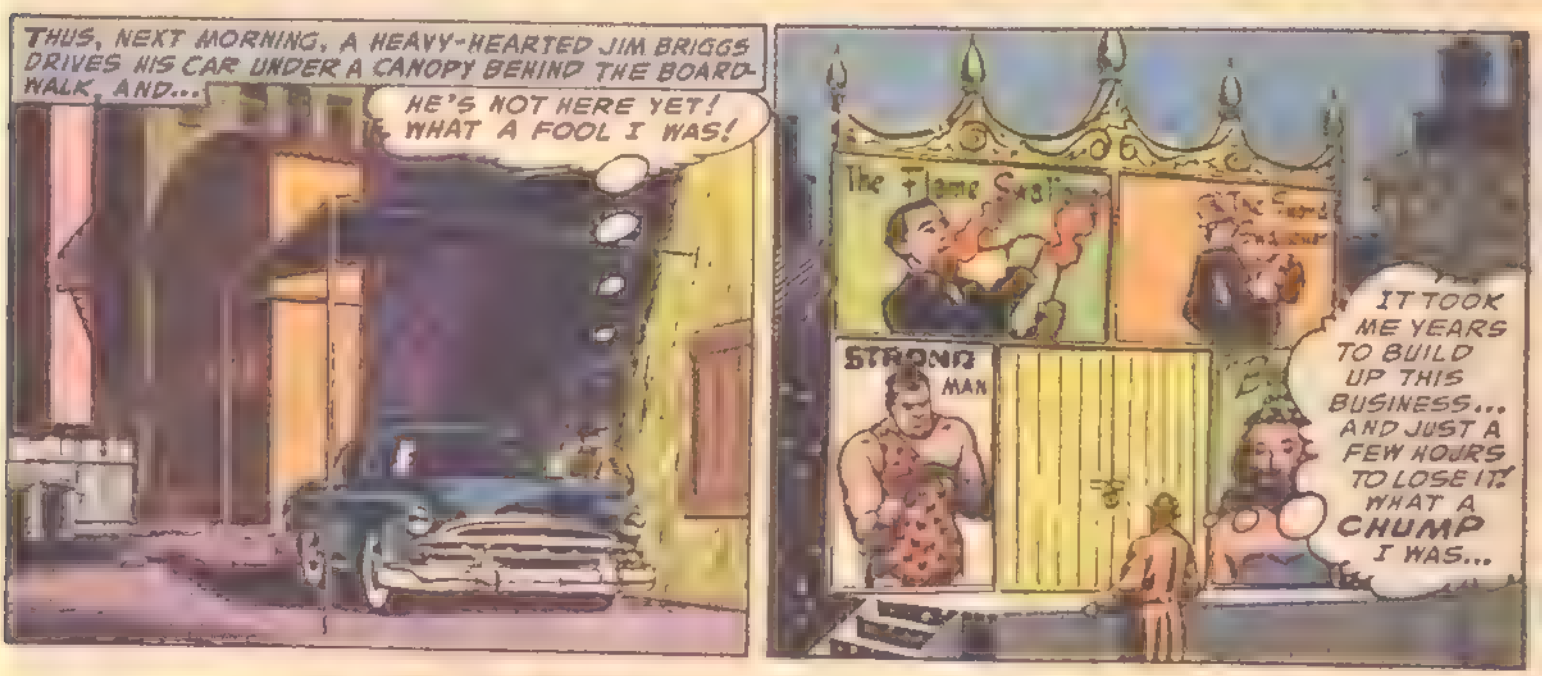

BUT BRIGGS' LUCK GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE, UNTIL...
I---I'M BROKE AGAIN! I'VE---LOST EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING!
YEAH, AND I'M THE NEW OWNER OF A FREAK SHOW! WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT! WHEN CAN I SEE THE PLACE?
THIS IS THE ADDRESS! I'LL MEET YOU THERE TOMORROW MORNING AT 10, AND---AND TURN OVER THE KEYS TO YOU!
OKAY, BRIGGS! SO LONG, AND BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!


THUS, NEXT MORNING, A HEAVY-HEARTED JIM BRIGGS DRIVES HIS CAR UNDER A CANOPY BEHIND THE BOARDWALK, AND...
HE'S NOT HERE YET! WHAT A FOOL I WAS!
The Flame Swallower
STRONG MAN
IT TOOK ME YEARS TO BUILD UP THIS BUSINESS... AND JUST A FEW HOURS TO LOSE IT! WHAT A CHUMP I WAS...

I CAN'T GIVE UP THE PLACE... I CAN'T--- AND I WON'T, I JUST WON'T!
BUT WHAT CAN I DO? I GAVE HIM TITLE TO THE PLACE... AND, LIKE A FOOL, I SIGNED IT! THERE'S NO WAY, NO WAY...! BUT WAIT, THERE IS A WAY... ONE WAY, THE ONLY WAY!
NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THE CARD GAME OR THE DEAL WE MADE, AND HE'S PROBABLY CARRYING THAT DEED WITH HIM! IF I GOT IT AWAY FROM HIM--- AND SHUT HIS MOUTH FOR GOOD--- NO ONE WOULD EVER FIND OUT, AND I'D HAVE MY PLACE BACK!
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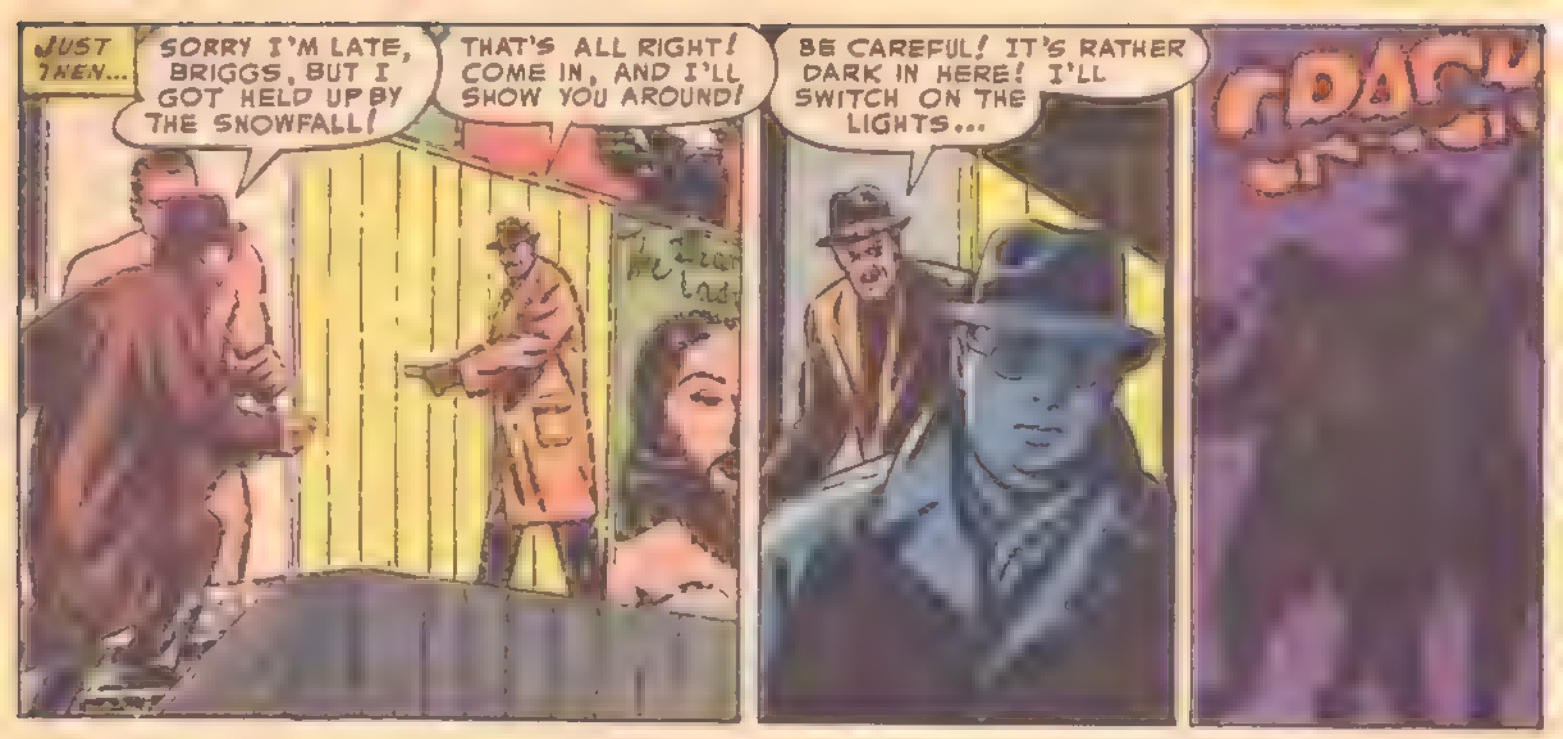
JUST THEN...
SORRY I'M LATE, BRIGGS, BUT I GOT HELD UP BY THE SNOWFALL!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT! COME IN, AND I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND!
BE CAREFUL! IT'S RATHER DARK IN HERE! I'LL SWITCH ON THE LIGHTS...
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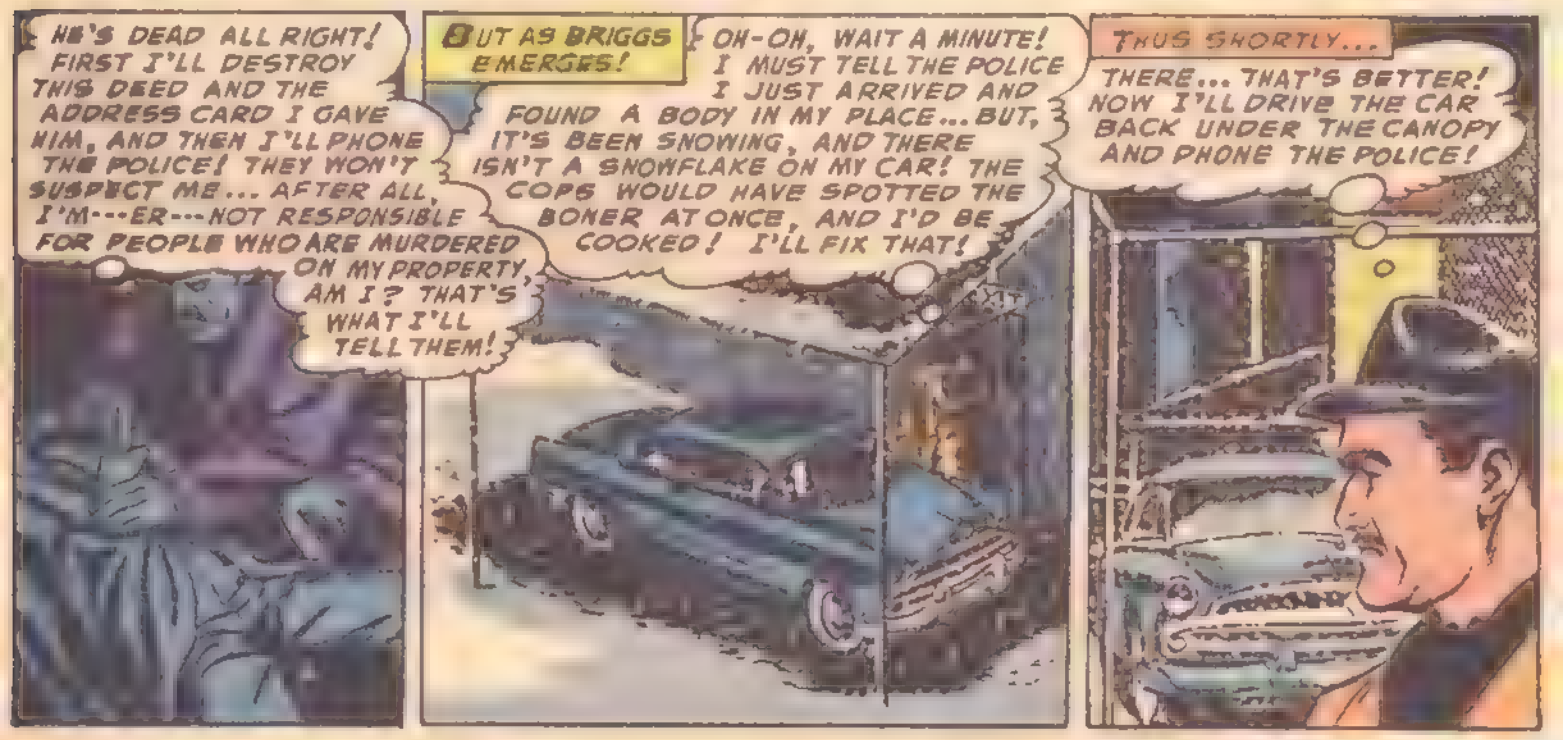
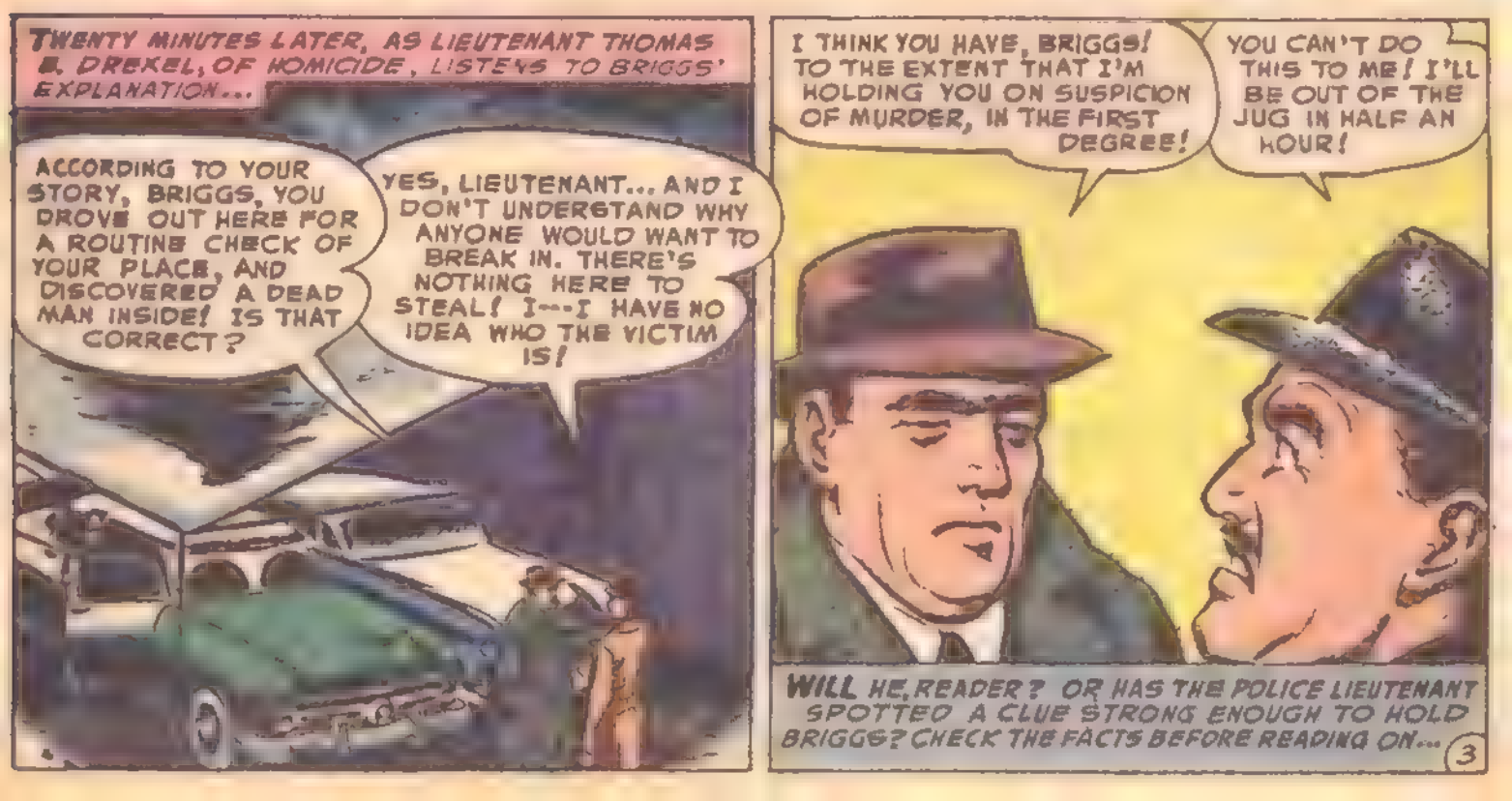

HE'S DEAD ALL RIGHT! FIRST I'LL DESTROY THIS DEED AND THE ADDRESS CARD I GAVE HIM, AND THEN I'LL PHONE THE POLICE! THEY WON'T SUSPECT ME... AFTER ALL, I'M---ER---NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MURDERED ON MY PROPERTY, AM I? THAT'S WHAT I'LL TELL THEM!
BUT AS BRIGGS EMERGES!
OH-OH, WAIT A MINUTE! I MUST TELL THE POLICE I JUST ARRIVED AND FOUND A BODY IN MY PLACE... BUT, IT'S BEEN SNOWING, AND THERE ISN'T A SNOWFLAKE ON MY CAR! THE COPS WOULD HAVE SPOTTED THE BONER AT ONCE, AND I'D BE COOKED! I'LL FIX THAT!
THUS SHORTLY...
THERE... THAT'S BETTER! NOW I'LL DRIVE THE CAR BACK UNDER THE CANOPY AND PHONE THE POLICE!


TWENTY MINUTES LATER, AS LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. DREXEL, OF HOMICIDE, LISTENS TO BRIGGS' EXPLANATION...
ACCORDING TO YOUR STORY, BRIGGS, YOU DROVE OUT HERE FOR A ROUTINE CHECK OF YOUR PLACE, AND DISCOVERED A DEAD MAN INSIDE! IS THAT CORRECT?
YES, LIEUTENANT... AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BREAK IN. THERE'S NOTHING HERE TO STEAL! I---I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE VICTIM IS!
I THINK YOU HAVE, BRIGGS! TO THE EXTENT THAT I'M HOLDING YOU ON SUSPICION OF MURDER, IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'LL BE OUT OF THE JUG IN HALF AN HOUR!
WILL HE, READER? OR HAS THE POLICE LIEUTENANT SPOTTED A CLUE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD BRIGGS? CHECK THE FACTS BEFORE READING ON...

GO AHEAD, LIEUTENANT... LET'S HEAR HOW CLEVERLY YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK DOWN MY STORY!
GLAD TO! YOU WANT ME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU DROVE UP HERE THROUGH A HEAVY SNOWFALL AND FOUND AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY IN YOUR PLACE! IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT!
NO, THAT'S WRONG! ACTUALLY, YOU WERE HERE BEFORE THE VICTIM ARRIVED, AND YOU KILLED HIM! BUT, SINCE IT BEGAN TO SNOW AFTER YOU GOT HERE, YOU REALIZED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE SNOW ON YOUR CAR... SO YOU SIMPLY PARKED IT WHERE IT WAS SNOWING FOR A WHILE, THEN MOVED IT BACK UNDER THE CANOPY!
WAIT A MINUTE... HOW DO YOU KNOW I DIDN'T DRIVE THROUGH THE SNOW?
BECAUSE, BRIGGS, IF YOU HAD, YOUR WINDSHIELD WIPERS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION, AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEAR AREAS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD, AS THERE ARE ON MINE! LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
YOU'RE... YOU'RE RIGHT, LIEUTENANT! I---I LOST MY SHOW TO HIM IN A CARD GAME, AND... AND HAD TO KILL HIM!
MMM... VERY FEW PEOPLE GET AWAY WITH GAMBLING, BRIGGS... BUT NO ONE GETS AWAY WITH MURDER!
JAMES BRIGGS FOUND THIS OUT THE HARD WAY... ON MARCH 14th, IN THE DEATH HOUSE AT CALDWELL PRISON, WHERE HE PAID THE SUPREME PENALTY FOR HIS CRIME!
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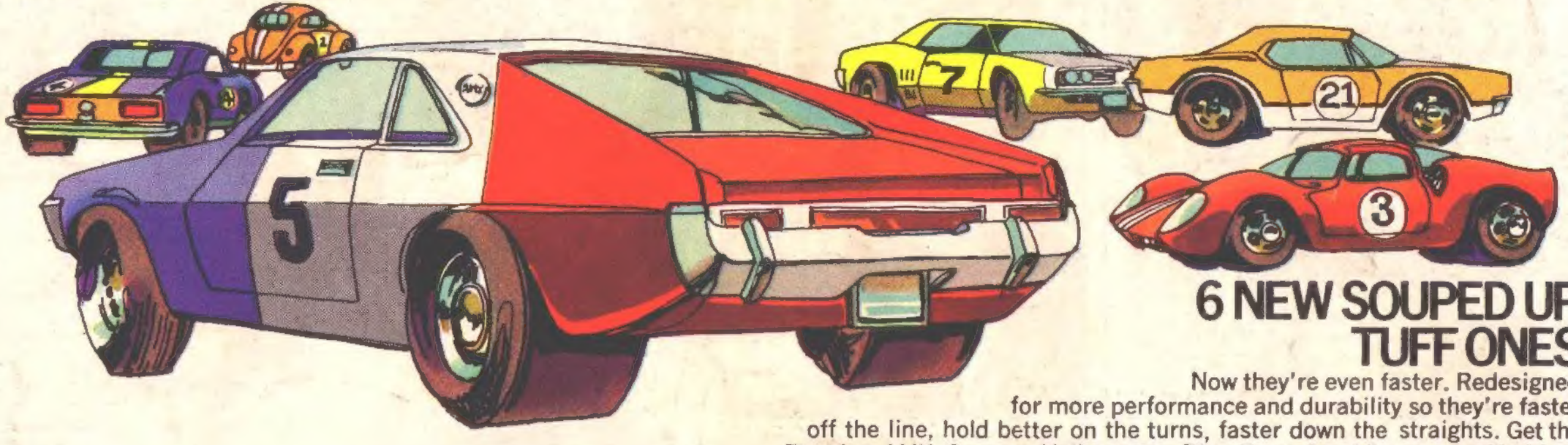


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